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Sir:

Responsive to the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated June 27, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly indicating, in item 2 on page 3 of the Ex Parte Quayle Action, that claims 14-22 are allowed.

However, in item 1 on page 2 of the Ex Parte Quayle Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the present invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner asserted that the drawings do not illustrate the "positive/negative change timing detection means" as recited in the claims.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the drawings for the following reasons.

Independent claims 14, 17 and 20 each recite "positive/negative change timing detection means for detecting a timing of changes in the positive/negative polarity of the change in phase of the synchronization establishment signal contained in the received signal." The Applicants respectfully submit that the positive/negative change timing